

two-year period he has behaved as a person of good moral character, be entitled at any time within one year after the date of approval of this Act to naturalization upon compliance with all of the requirements of the naturalization laws, except that—

Exemption from designated requirements.

“(1) no declaration of intention shall be required;

“(2) no certificate of arrival shall be required unless such person's admission to the United States was subsequent to March 3, 1924; and

“(3) no residence within the jurisdiction of the court shall be required.

Verification of petition.

“Such petitioner shall verify his petition for naturalization by the affidavits of at least two credible witnesses who are citizens of the United States, or shall furnish the depositions of two such witnesses made in accordance with the requirements of subsection (e) of section 327 of the Nationality Act of 1940, to prove the required residence, good moral character, attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States, and favorable disposition toward the good order and happiness of the United States. On applications filed for any benefits under this Act, the requirement of fees for naturalization documents is hereby waived.”

54 Stat. 1151.  
8 U. S. C. § 727 (e).

Waiver of fees.

Approved, December 7, 1942.

#### [CHAPTER 691]

#### AN ACT

December 7, 1942  
[H. R. 4465]  
[Public Law 792]

To authorize the exchange of certain lands in Minnesota.

Minnesota.  
Exchange of lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, title to any lands owned by the State of Minnesota which are contiguous to or situated within the exterior boundaries of any national park or other Federal reservation under his jurisdiction, in exchange for any lands of equal value owned by the United States in the State of Minnesota, under the jurisdiction of either the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Agriculture, and which are desired by such State.

State lands contiguous to or within Federal reservations.

50 Stat. 525.  
7 U. S. C. §§ 1010-1012.  
*Ante*, p. 725.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, title to any lands owned by the State of Minnesota which are contiguous to or situated within the exterior boundaries of any national forest, land-use project under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, or other Federal reservation under his jurisdiction, in exchange for any lands of equal value owned by the United States in the State of Minnesota which are under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and where authority to convey title to such lands on behalf of the United States otherwise is vested by statute in the said Secretary of Agriculture; and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, title to any lands owned by the State of Minnesota which are contiguous to or situated within the exterior boundaries of any national forest, land-use project under title III of the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act, or other Federal reservation under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, in exchange for any surveyed public lands, unappropriated, and unreserved except for Executive Order Numbered 6964, dated February 5, 1935, or public domain in national forests, of equal value owned by the United States, where authority to convey title to such lands on behalf of the United States otherwise is vested by statute in the Secretary of the Interior; the

lands within the national forests so accepted by said Secretary of the Interior thereafter to be subject to the provisions of the Act of February 1, 1905 (33 Stat. 628), in respect to the surveying, prospecting, locating, appropriating, entering, relinquishing, reconveying, certifying, or patenting of lands reserved from the public domain.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture are authorized to make conveyances, on behalf of the United States, to the State of Minnesota of any lands under their respective jurisdictions to carry out the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That all conveyances of public domain in national forests shall be made by the Secretary of the Interior as provided for by the Act of February 1, 1905 (33 Stat. 628).

SEC. 4. The conveyance of any land by the State of Minnesota, under the provisions of this Act, may be made subject to such reservations and conditions as such State shall prescribe, and the conveyance of any land by the United States, under the provisions of this Act, may be made subject to such reservations and conditions as the United States shall prescribe; but such reservations and conditions shall be duly considered in determining the value of the lands for the purposes of making any exchange of lands under this Act. Any exchange of lands under the provisions of this Act shall be made only after a determination that such exchange will be in the public interest. Such determination may be made by the Secretary of the Interior if the lands to be conveyed by the United States are under his jurisdiction and the lands to be acquired by the United States are to be under his jurisdiction after their acquisition. Such determination may be made by the Secretary of Agriculture if the lands to be conveyed by the United States are under his jurisdiction and are to be conveyed by him and the lands to be acquired by the United States are to be under his jurisdiction after their acquisition. In all other cases, such determination shall be made by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, jointly.

SEC. 5. Lands acquired by the United States pursuant to any such exchange shall become a part of the national park, national forest, land utilization project, or other Federal reservation to which they may be contiguous or within the exterior boundaries of which they may be located and shall be subject to the laws, rules, and regulations applicable thereto.

Approved, December 7, 1942.

Federal conveyances.

*Proviso.*

Conveyances by State.  
Reservations and conditions.

Determination of public interest.

Additions to Federal reservations.

## [CHAPTER 696]

### AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940, to preserve the nationality of a naturalized wife, husband, or child under twenty-one years of age residing abroad with husband or wife a native-born national of the United States.

December 8, 1942  
[H. R. 5554]  
[Public Law 793]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That chapter IV of the Nationality Act, 1940, section 406, is amended by adding at the end a new subsection.

“(g) Who is the wife, husband, or child under twenty-one years of age of, and is residing abroad for the purpose of being with a spouse or parent who is an American national by birth and such spouse or parent during minority for a period or periods totaling ten years has resided in the United States.”

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.  
54 Stat. 1170.  
8 U. S. C. § 806.  
*Post*, p. 1085.

No expatriation by residence abroad in designated case.

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